Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces any and all prior claim lists.

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (original). An anti-coronavirus agent comprising as an active ingredient a compound represented by formula (1):

Formula (1)

$$(R^{2})_{n} \xrightarrow{CH_{3}} \xrightarrow{OH} \xrightarrow{CH_{3}} \xrightarrow{CH_{3}} \xrightarrow{CH_{3}} \xrightarrow{CH_{3}} \xrightarrow{CH_{3}} \xrightarrow{CH_{3}}$$

wherein each R¹ represents formula (2) or (3) below:

Formula (2)

$$(R^3)_p$$
 $(Y)_m$ (2)

wherein Y is S, O or NH; each R^3 is independently a C_1 – C_4 alkyl group, C_1 – C_4 alkoxyl group, C_1 - C_4 alkylamino group, amido group, carboxy group, amino group, hydroxy group, or halogen atom; m is 0 or 1, and p is an integer from 0 to 5

Formula (3)

$$(R^3)_r \frac{1}{(Y)_m}$$
 (3)

wherein Y, R³ and m are as above; p is 0 or 1, and r is an integer from 0 to 6;

R² is independently a C₁.C₄ alkyl group, C₁.C₄ alkoxy group, C₁.C₄ alkylamino group, amido group, carboxy group, amino group, hydroxy group, or halogen atom; and n is an integer from 0 to 3; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

Claim 2 (original). An anti-coronavirus agent according to Claim 1, wherein R¹ in formula (1) is formula (4)

Formula 4

wherein Y is S, O or NH; and m is 0 or 1.

Claim 3 (original). An anti-coronavirus agent according to Claim 1, wherein the compound represented by formula (1) is the compound represented by formula (5).

Formula (5)

Claim 4 (currently amended). An anti-coronavirus agent according to any one of Claims 1 to 3 Claim 1, wherein the coronavirus is a SARS-associated coronavirus.

Claim 5 (currently amended). An anti-coronavirus agent according to any one of Claims 1 to 4 Claim 1, wherein the pharmaceutically acceptable salt of the compound represented by formula (1) is a methanesulfonate.

Claim 6 (currently amended). An anti-SARS agent comprising the anti-coronavirus agent according to any one of Claims 1 to 5 Claim 1 as an active ingredient, and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, excipient and/or diluent.

Claim 7 (original). A method for treating SARS using the anti-SARS agent according to Claim 6.